

those with preexisting conditions, returns power to the States, allows young adults to remain on their parents' insurance until they are 26, and increases consumer choice. This is a critical first step of three to repeal and replace ObamaCare.

I am grateful that the American Health Care Act is supported by the NFIB, the Susan B. Anthony List, Americans for Tax Reform, the U.S. Chamber of Commerce, the National Taxpayers Union, the Institute for Liberty, the Small Business and Entrepreneurship Council, and dozens of other advocates promoting creating jobs.

In conclusion, God bless our troops, and we will never forget September the 11th in the global war on terrorism.

TRUMPCARE

(Mr. CICILLINE asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. CICILLINE. Mr. Speaker, Republicans are planning to vote tomorrow to pass TrumpCare.

This bill is a great deal for the superrich, it is a great deal for insurance companies, and it is a great deal for drug companies. But it is a bad deal for working men and women across our country.

TrumpCare will raise premiums, increase deductibles and out-of-pocket expenses.

TrumpCare ends coverage for 24 million people.

TrumpCare destroys 2 million jobs.

TrumpCare imposes an age tax on older Americans.

And TrumpCare cuts Medicaid by \$880 billion to give corporations and the wealthiest Americans a \$600 billion tax cut—the single largest transfer of wealth from working people to the rich in history. This is wrong.

The American people do not want this bill. They don't want to pay more for less.

Donald Trump promised that he would be a great champion for the middle class. It only took him 2 months in office to break that promise and sell out to the wealthy and the special interests. Shame on him and shame on anyone who votes to take away health coverage from working men and women to fund a big tax cut for folks who don't need it. The working people of this country deserve better.

AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT BRINGS MEDICAID ACCOUNTABILITY

(Mr. PITTENGER asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute and to revise and extend his remarks.)

Mr. PITTENGER. Mr. Speaker, I rise in support of the American Health Care Act and, specifically, the critically important reforms to Medicaid, in addition to the other great reforms that will bring cost-effective health care to this country.

For 50 years, Medicaid has been a blank check to the States with little accountability and rampant fraud. During my time in the North Carolina Senate, we found as much as 20 percent waste, fraud, and abuse in Medicaid.

In response, I have worked with SAS, a major technology firm, to develop accountability and oversight. North Carolina is now a leader in Medicaid fraud recovery.

Under the American Health Care Act, Medicaid replaces an open blank check with commonsense per capita or block grant allotments for each State. This incentivizes States to follow North Carolina's lead and clean out the bad actors exploiting eligibility and the providers taking advantage of Medicaid at the expense of America's most vulnerable.

Conservatives have championed these reforms for decades. Now is our opportunity to bring accountability to Medicaid.

I urge my colleagues to vote "yes" on this great reform.

UN-AMERICAN HEALTH CARE ACT TAKES US BACKWARD

(Mr. HECK asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HECK. Mr. Speaker, let's make this clear. The Un-American Health Care Act doesn't just repeal advances with ObamaCare, it takes us backward to a point worse off than we were before the Affordable Care Act.

It guts Medicaid, and will fail to meet existing needs, hurting vulnerable children, pregnant women, people with disabilities, and seniors needing long-term care, hurting them all.

It abandons Planned Parenthood services. Women with nowhere else to turn will lose access to critical services like pelvic exams and pap tests.

I am here today speaking on behalf of single mom Sherry, cancer survivor Marty, star student Kelty, and little Gracie and her devoted grandmother Donna.

We are all one voice saying we cannot afford to make the American healthcare system even worse than it was before ObamaCare. That is the path the un-American Health Care Act will carve. My friends, let's not go down that path. Vote "no."

REPUBLICAN HEALTHCARE BILL

(Ms. JUDY CHU of California asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Ms. JUDY CHU of California. Mr. Speaker, Republicans rushed their pay more for less healthcare bill through committees before CBO even had a chance to score it. And then, once they realized that 24 million people would lose coverage, they made late night additions just 2 days before the House is scheduled to vote.

Americans' health care is too important to be done on an artificial dead-

line. It is too important for people in my district like Rachel. Rachel is a hairdresser in her midthirties, who was finally able to get health coverage for her husband and three children, thanks to the ACA. But under the Republican plan, their coverage will be replaced by tax credits that don't even come close to meeting the healthcare costs for a family of five.

And there are millions just like her struggling to make ends meet. Instead of abandoning people like Rachel to give tax breaks to the wealthiest few, I urge Republicans to do what even Trump promised—provide health insurance for everybody. That starts with rejecting this bill.

PAY MORE AND GET LESS WITH TRUMPCARE

(Mr. JEFFRIES asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. JEFFRIES. Mr. Speaker, under the Republican healthcare plan, TrumpCare, hardworking Americans will pay more and get less. Your premiums will increase. Your copays will increase. Your deductibles will increase. Your out-of-pocket costs will increase. But the quality of your health care will go down.

Tens of millions of Americans under TrumpCare will also lose their entire health coverage. And under the Republican healthcare plan, it will impose a draconian age tax on people between 50 and 64, some of whom will be forced to pay approximately \$14,000 per year.

Trump has said he is going to do health care in three phases. I have finally figured it out. Phase one, disease. Phase two, disaster. Phase three, destruction. Vote "no" against this reckless plan.

HARDWORKING AMERICA NEEDS A TAX BREAK

(Mr. HIGGINS of New York asked and was given permission to address the House for 1 minute.)

Mr. HIGGINS of New York. Mr. Speaker, tomorrow House Republicans will perpetrate a careless financial assault on good, hardworking America in exchange for a massive payoff to greedy insurance executives and their cronies. Yes, this vote is rigged against the good.

If you are 50 to 64 years old, you and your family get clobbered. More doughnut holes, more premiums, and less health care.

UnitedHealthcare, one of America's largest private insurers, is today under investigation for defrauding the Medicare program of billions of dollars. Your bill, in 17 words on page 67, rewards UnitedHealthcare, their executives and cronies, with a massive tax cut. UnitedHealthcare made \$83 billion last year, and their CEO was compensated with \$66 million. They don't need a break. Hardworking America does.